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Mr. Gary Zajicek  
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RE: Tier 1 Acceptance into the Green Tier Program

Dear Mr. Zajicek:

Congratulations! The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to approve your Tier 1 application and accept you into the Green Tier Program. This letter of acceptance covers all construction operations and land development activities of the organization as well as activities at each construction site including the activities of organizations contracted by and working at Veridian managed sites. This letter of acceptance is authorized by The Environmental Results Program Act, § 299.83, Wis. Stats., created by 2003 Wisconsin Act 276

With this letter, you are authorized to use the Green Tier Program logo on written materials that are related to covered facilities or activities. Attached to this Acceptance Letter is a unique certificate that recognizes you for participating in the Green Tier Program. The DNR will work with you to annually celebrate your participation in the Green Tier program through a joint press release to Madison newspapers and will maintain your company's name on a list of participants that is available on the DNR's website.

It is the intent of this acceptance into the Green Tier Program that Veridian Homes LLC will operate under the Green Tier/Clear Waters Initiative – Environmental Results Program Charter. You are reminded that nothing in this acceptance letter replaces any obligation that you have to report on and correct any violations of law or regulation.

You have agreed to pursue and report on goals that will improve your environmental performance. Your Environmental Management System (EMS) will be the cornerstone of documenting and reporting your performance under Green Tier. As a participant of Green Tier, you will have a number of milestones to meet. First, you have committed to implement a functionally equivalent EMS by April 21, 2006. Second, you have committed to conduct annual EMS audits. Every third audit will be performed by an outside environmental auditor. Third, you have committed to submit an annual report to the DNR that describes any EMS audit non-conformances, actions taken or proposed to correct the non-conformance, and progress towards meeting objectives identified in the EMS. Remember to include any discussions that occurred with residents in the area of construction activity or other interested persons. The department expects that the first annual report will be submitted by February 1, 2007 and will cover the calendar year 2006.

Finally, if you have any questions about your interaction as a Tier 1 participant with the DNR, Ken Johnson has been assigned as your single point of contact. Ken will be your point of

contact concerning communications within the program, approvals you may be required to obtain and technical assistance.

Your acceptance into the Green Tier Program is good for 5 years, and your status as a Green Tier company can be extended for additional amounts of time that we mutually agree to. You may withdraw from the program at any time by notifying us of your decision to withdraw. We may also withdraw you from the program if we believe that it is in the best interests of the Green Tier program to end the relationship that is created with this letter.

We welcome you as a Tier 1 company under the Environmental Results Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Hassett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Hassett, Secretary  
WI Department of Natural Resources

Attachment:           Section V – Environmental Performance ; Veridian Homes LLC Green  
Tier Application  
Certificate of Recognition  
Environmental Results Program Logo  
Functional Equivalency Guidance